

Please reject the NAB's petition 04-160. This petition is a flagrant abuse of the money and power that the NAB wields. Satellite Radio broadcasters have the same rights of free speech as any other people in this country, and should be able to report on local weather and traffic. To me, XM radio provides a wonderful alternative to the monotony and corporate bent of FM radio. Just as corporate AM/FM radio has the right to determine their programming, XM and SIRIUS have that same right. Satellite radio is reaching out to the millions of Americans that AM/FM radio has decided to ignore by providing a diversity of content that gives us something worth listening to. Not to be too heavy handed, but how can we successfully export the democratic form of government to the Middle East when it is in danger of faltering in its native land? Let's not give the world another reason to doubt America's dedication to liberty and freedom. And please don't give me a reason to doubt it as well. Thank you.